

Constitution of National Commission on Population

2155. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have constituted the National Population Commission for reviewing, monitoring and giving directions for implementation of National Population Policy, 2000 (NPP);
- (b) if so, how many meeting of the above mentioned Commission till date, held indicating whether any directions issued for implementation of NPP by States; and
- (c) whether Government have allocated any special funds for rehabilitation of population by 2045 and for total fertility rate to replacement level by 2010; if so, what are the details thereof (State-wise/U.T.-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One meeting of the Commission has been held so far, on the 22nd July, 2000. States have been advised to set up State Commissions on Population, and work with all stakeholders to achieve the goals laid down in the National Population Policy.

(c) Government has announced setting up of a National Population Stabilisation Fund with a seed money corpus of Rs. 100 crores, to support projects contributing to Population Stabilisation. It is expected that trade industry, corporate sector, as also individuals may contribute to this fund. It has also been decided to provide funds for supplies & equipment essential for meeting the unmet needs for contraception, either through reappropriation or by providing additional funds. Payment of arrears to the staff of the Family

Welfare Department will also be cleared by 31st March, 2001. In addition, the entire National Family Welfare Programme is being implemented with the above objectives in mind. Rs. 15120.20 crores have been provided under the National Family Welfare Programme for the Ninth Plan. Since this programme is a Centrally sponsored programme, it is being implemented by the Department of Family Welfare and State-wise allocation of funds is being made by that Department.

Identification of New Districts for Promotion of SSI

2156. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have selected any district in the country for identifying and promoting new Small Scale Industries; and
- (b) if so, the details of these districts, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Promotion of Mini and Small Industries under PMRY

2157. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any action to promote mini and small industries under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana;
- (b) the progress made by these industries during Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether there are some irregularities; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana envisages setting up 2.20 lakh self